

Saxon word for "work" is *wyrhta*. A wheelwright is a man who makes a wheel. So religion is something wrought out. Rite has its place in Christian work, and Right must command; but all is defective or deceptive unless it is wrought into a life of visible and active obedience and service.

Praying With Power

Sunday School Journal.

Those who pray with power plead God's promises as the ground of their petition.

Those who pray with power approach God in deep humility of soul, conscious of their own unworthiness.

Those who pray with power do not forget to praise God for the blessings which he has bestowed.

Those who pray with power are direct, straightforward, specific in their supplications.

Those who pray with power seek to meet with God alone, that they may pour out all their hearts before him.

Those who pray with power are in earnest with their supplications and "wrestle" with God.

Those who pray with power persevere, in the face of obstacles, in their petitions.

Those who pray with power cling by simple faith to God and obtain their answer.

Those who pray with power to God go forth from prayer with power to meet men.

Having God Take Hold of Us

One of D. L. Moody's simple, striking, beautiful illustrations is set forth in the following. Read it; it teaches an important lesson: "It makes a good deal of difference whether you take hold of God or God takes hold of you. Said a father: 'My little girl today refused to let me take hold of her hand when we were walking together. She thought she could go alone. But when we came to a place which was slippery, she took hold, first of my little finger, and then, as it grew more icy, of my whole hand. As we went on, and it was growing worse, she let go entirely, and said, 'Papa, take hold of me.' She knew I was strong, and that she could not fall unless I fell. Now," said he, 'I have been slipping, slipping for the last eleven years, and the reason is that I have not put my hand into the hand of God. I have been trying to take hold of him, but not asking him to take hold of me. As long as he has hold of my hand, I can't fall. He would have to be dethroned first. If our hands are placed in his whose throne is in heaven, we never fall down into hell.'"

Control Your Thoughts

Selected

Until you have learned to control your thoughts, you will never be able to live a godly and righteous life. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he;" and it is because the thoughts that we entertain in the hostelry of the soul are such worthless and vain ones that our words and acts often bring so heavy a disgrace on the name we love.

Well might the Wise Man say: "Keep thy heart above all keeping, for out of it are the issues of life." When the heart is right, the ear and the eye and the mouth and the foot will necessarily obey its promptings; but when the heart is wrong, filled with tides of ink, like the cuttlefish, it will develop itself in the impurity to which it gives vent.

If you habitually permit evil things to have their right of way thru you, or lodging within you, remember that in God's sight you are here equally guilty with those who indulge in evil acts; because you are withheld, not by your fear of him, but by your desire to maintain your position among men.

Among the Churches

Garrison, Iowa

Last Friday evening I preached the last of ten sermons at this place, Garrison, Ia. I was unable to remain with them over Sunday, either yesterday or the week before. Sister Flora, their pastor, preached for them the first Sunday.

We had good congregations all thru, but we were not able to persuade anyone to take a stand for Christ. It is the first meeting I have held since I began to preach, in which no one made the good confession. The members all said that the meetings were a great help to the church. Some of the members had grown cold, and several of these said to me that they intended to be more faithful. While I regret that I am unable to report any accessions to the church, I am glad to say that by God's grace, I have got beyond feeling badly personally about it. I think, if we could have continued another week that perhaps some would have come out, but as we must move this week it was impossible for me to remain.

My heart goes out to this faithful little band of Brethren at Garrison. Brother and sister J. T. Urice were the first members here and it was thru their efforts that the church was started. It has grown slowly until now they number about forty. With the exception of about three or four they have not yet learned to practice the grace of giving in a way which will assure them success. They are a most kindly people and take royal care of any who come among them.

Sister Clara Flora will continue to preach for them three sermons each month. They appreciate her efforts and love her as a woman also. I have promised them that I will come to them again, if possible, and try to reap some of the seed sown this time. Pray for the little band there.

Yours in Christ,

J. L. GILLIN.

Oakville, Ind.

Brother Fox began revival services at this place January 29 and closed with baptismal service Saturday afternoon, February 23. We had a splendid meeting. Brother Fox is an earnest worker, and lost very little time while here. He visited in just fifty homes, many of them in the country.

The results of the meeting, as we now see them, are: (1) eighteen additions to the church, twelve of whom were baptized during the meetings, the others to be baptized as soon as it is warmer. (2) Three others made the confession, and went to the Christian (Disciple) church. (3) A strengthening and encouraging of the members of the church. Besides these results many others in the community have become interested in the church, and we trust that in the near future many more will accept the precious Lord as their Saviour. Brother Fox tested the interest of the people in the services by asking each one to bring a dime on a certain evening. Before the collection was taken, he explained that the money would be used for state and general

missions. The amount raised was \$5.00, \$3.00 of which goes to general and the balance to state missions.

Our Sunday school is prospering and our Y. P. S. C. E. is especially interesting at this time. Many new members have been added during the winter. We expect more to be added from the number added to the church during the meetings. Our S. S. C. E. meets once each week for a joint work and devotional service. We find it a great help to its members, and, we hope, some help to the church. The prayers of this people are for the success of God's cause everywhere. Remember us as co-workers for Christ.

ROSALIE H. GARRETT.

Hoosier Echoes

After a long time I again come with a few lines. A three months' illness hindered our work to some extent, but we hope to do all in our power to advance our work.

North Manchester.—Preached here Jan. 13 to an appreciative audience. Expect to begin our revival meeting here Mar. 10. We are hopeful of good results.

Roann.—First services since my sickness were held here Jan. 27. Good congregations greet one here. We are now in the midst of our revival services.

Center Chapel.—I have been able to preach here only twice since Oct. 1, but hope in the future to reach them regular. Our new house is in course of construction. We are hopeful of the future.

Mission Notes.—I have received some from several churches, but not enough to meet our current expense. So if you have offerings to give, remit. There still remains a little of last year's surplus, but brethren, let us not exhaust our treasury. With the close of March we will make an itemized statement, so help us that it be as good as possible.

WM. H. MILLER.

North Manchester, Ind.

Fair Haven Church, Ohio

The Brethren of Fair Haven met in council on Saturday, Feb. 23, and transacted their business. There were not as many in attendance as there should have been, yet every thing went off in splendid shape and every thing looks very encouraging. If our members will only carry out the plans adopted (and we can all easily do it,) our church will be in the best financial condition it has been for years.

In order to liquidate some old debts, we adopted the plan that each brother pay one dollar and each sister fifty cents. A number of our members had already done their share, but in order to get rid of this debt and to help out those who had not come up to former requirements, they were willing to assume their added responsibility, so the church will be free and ready to move on spiritually. Now the members who have not done much in the past should come up faithfully and give their dues. If you cannot quite clear your conscience, just pay a little more; may be it will help you see God in his glory.

Sister Cara Ebert and brethren Ephraim Swinehart and Enoch Fettes were appointed to receive their dues and pay it over to brother D. B. Good who will pay it where it belongs. Now, brethren, drink of the life-giving fountain and then drop your dollar in so as to keep it flowing that others may drink.

Brother D. J. Miller, who has been our faithful and proficient financial secretary for a number of years, asked to be released from further duties in that office, because of ill health, and also that he intends to travel this summer. Brother F. L. Mason was appointed in his place, a young man of ability, of superior business qualifications and one of our faithful, devoted members; so the church is to have most excellent and proficient service in that office. All who are in arrearage will be notified; but you should not wait for that. Find out